

REMARKS

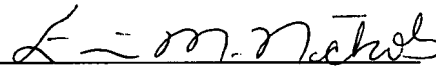
The election/restriction requirement dated August 30, 2007, has been considered. The Examiner contends that the claims are drawn to two species, namely Group I (Claims 1-26) and Group II (Claims 27-30) and asserts that restriction to one of claim Groups I-II is required under 35 U.S.C. § 121. In response to the requirement, Applicant elects the subject matter of Group I (to which Claims 1-26 are directed) without traverse. Applicant has canceled Claims 27-30 without prejudice and reserves the right to file a divisional application on the subject matter of asserted Group II (Claims 27-30).

In addition, Applicant has canceled Claims 17-19 and 26 and added Claims 31-33. Support for new Claims 31-33 may be found, for example, in the instant Specification at paragraph [0065] and in original Claims 15, 16 and 20; therefore, the addition of these claims does not introduce new matter. New Claims 31-33 are also believed to be directed to the subject matter of Group I and should not require further restriction. Thus, pending Claims 1-16, 20-25, and 31-33 are believed to be directed to the subject matter of identified Group I.

If the Examiner would find it helpful to discuss this issue by telephone, the undersigned attorney of record invites the Examiner to contact the attorney of record.

Respectfully submitted,

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